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SUBJ: MAIN INSERT ATTACKS "GANG OF FIVE" FOR ECONOMIC CAPITULATION TO  
JAPAN

1. SUMMARY. AN UNDATED ONE PAGE FLIER SIGNED BY "MINISTRY OF  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES REVOLUTIONARY SMALL  
GROUP" ATTACKS THE SINO-JAPANESE LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT  
AS A SELLOUT OF CHINESE NATIONAL INTERESTS BY A NEW "GANG OF  
FIVE" TO JAPANESE IMPERIALISM AND MILITARISM. THE FLIER  
STRIKES US A PATENT PIECE OF DISINFORMATION; THE THEMES AND  
LANGUAGE ARE OUT OF PHASE WITH THE CONTEMPORARY PRC POLITICAL  
SCENE AND THERE IS EVEN ONE NONSIMPLIFIED CHARACTER IN THE  
TEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. AN UNDATED ONE-PAGE FLIER SIGNED BY "MINISTRY OF  
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GROUP" WAS RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 19 IN A PIECE OF INTERNAIONAL  
MAIL SENT ONE MONTH EARLIER FROM SWAZILAND. THE AEROGRAM  
IN WHICH THE FLIER WAS INSERTED HAD BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY  
STEAMED OPEN AND RESEALED.

3. THE FLIER ATTACKS THE "SECRET AGREEMENT" SIGNED IN PEKING  
LAST NOVEMBER BY "CHINA'S REACTIONARY POWERHOLDING FACTION"

AND SINO-JAPAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION HEAD YOSHIHIRO INAYAMA AS A DEVICE FOR SELLING OUT CHINA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES TO RESURGENT JAPANESE IMPERIALISM AND MILITARISM. APPARENTLY DRAFTED IN JANUARY 1978, THE FLIER CALLS ON ALL "COMRADES" TO UTILIZE THE PRECIOUS TIME REMAINING TO "STRANGLE IN THE CRADLE" THE SINO-JAPANESE LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT.

4. CITING PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S "PERSONAL CHAIRING OF SEVERAL DEFENSE CONFEERENCES DURING 1977 AS EVIDENCE OF JAPAN'S IMPERIALIST INTENT, THE FLIER ASSERTS THAT JAPANESE OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET UNION IS PHONY WHILE ITS DESIGN TO ATTACK CHINA GENUINE. IT CHARGES THAT THE JAPANESE NAVY, "UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM," HAD TWO MONTHS EARLIER ENGAGED IN THE LARGEST MANEUVERS IN THE YELLOW SEA SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II.

5. THIS ALLEGED SELLOUT OF CHINESE INTERESTS IS LAID AT THE DOORSTEP OF A "NEW GANG OF FIVE" -- PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO PARTY CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND HIS FOUR VICE CHAIRMEN.

6. COMMENT: THE FLIER STRIKES US AS A PATENT PIECE OF DISINFORMATION PROBABLY ORIGINATING WITH THE SOVIETS. THE THEMES AND CHOICE OF LANGUAGE ARE MARKEDLY OUT OF PHASE WITH THE CONTEMPORARY PRC POLITICAL SCENE. EVEN DURING THE HEYDAY OF THE GANG OF FOUR, WHICH HAD OPPOSED EXPORT OF PETROLEUM AS CONFIDENTIAL

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A SELLOUT OF CHINA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS, THERE WERE NO REFERENCES TO JAPANESE MILITARISM AFTER ABOUT 1972. FURTHERMORE, NO INDIGENOUS OPPOSITION GROUP IN CHINA TODAY WOULD BE LIKELY TO IDENTIFY HUA AND THE FOUR VICE CHAIRMEN AS BELONGING TO A COHESIVE "GANG OF FIVE." AND AT ONE POINT THE TEXT USES THE TRADITIONAL RATHER THAN THE SIMPLIFIED CHARACTER "KUNG" (TO CONSOLIDATE), A SURE TIPOFF THAT THE FLIER WAS PREPARED ABROAD.

7. USLO WILL POUCH COPY OF FLIER TO DEPARTMENT.  
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